

CHAPTER
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SECTION 2

READING COMPREHENSION

Voter Qualifications

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1. Is citizenship a requirement to vote in the United States? Explain.

2. How does a person's residence affect his or her eligibility to vote?

3. What is the purpose of residence requirements?

4. Why are residence requirements much shorter today than they were in the past?

5. How do residence requirements affect transients?

6. How did the 26th Amendment affect the age at which citizens can vote?

7. What was the principal argument in favor of this amendment?

8. Can anyone under 18 vote in the United States? Explain.

9. What is the purpose of voter registration?

10. On the subject of elections, what is purging, and why is it important?

11. Give three arguments against voter registration.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

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12. Name five provisions of the "Motor Voter Law."
- a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
13. Why are voter ID laws controversial?
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14. What was the original purpose of literacy qualifications? For what purpose were these qualifications later used?
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15. Why is literacy no longer used as a suffrage qualification?
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16. What are poll taxes, and why were they once common throughout the South?
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17. How did each of the following affect poll taxes?
- a. 24th Amendment _____
 - b. *Harper v. Virginia Board of Elections* _____
18. Name three reasons why people may be denied the right to vote in some or all States.
- a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____